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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

REF: STATE 248371

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SENATOR SPARKMAN AND CHAIRMAN MORGAN HAVE INVITED PRESIDENT SADAT TO MEET WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE JOINTLY, PREFERABLY ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28. THIS INVITATION CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE SESSION OCTOBER 16 WITH HASSAN KAMEL AND THE ADVANCE TEAM. DURING THAT SESSION, THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 28 WAS FILLED AS FOLLOWS: 10:30 A.M. SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD (TENTATIVE); 11:30 OFF-THE-RECORD MEETING WITH SELECTED EDITORS AND COLUMNISTS AT BLAIR HOUSE; 12:15 BRIEF MEETING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS AT BLAIR HOUSE; 1:00 P.M. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER.

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2. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO

THIS CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE, BUT IT WILL REQUIRE ADJUST-  
ING THE SCHEDULE. BOTH WE AND THE  
EGYPTIAN ADVANCE TEAM FELT THE MEETING WITH EDITORS AND  
COLUMNISTS COULD BE VERY USEFUL AND THE EGYPTIANS ATTACH  
IMPORTANCE TO THE BRIEF MEETING WITH THE ARAB AMBASSADORS;

CANCELLATION OF THE LATTER WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT PROVIDE  
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SADAT TO MEET WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMITTEES.

3. THE SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT THE MEETING WITH THE PRESI-  
DENT SHOULD BE RETAINED ON THE SCHEDULE. THE QUESTION OF  
HOW TO FIT IN A MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEES IS PRIMARILY  
UP TO THE EGYPTIANS, BUT OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE THAT WE  
TRY TO MOVE THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD UP TO 10:00  
A.M., SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH THE COMMITTEES FOR 11:15 AT  
THE CAPITOL, HOLD THE BRIEF MEETING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS  
AT 12:30 AT BLAIR HOUSE, AND SHIFT THE MEETING WITH  
EDITORS AND COLUMNISTS TO 6:30 P.M.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW FAHMY'S REACTION AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. AS USUAL, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY EGYPIAN VIEWS.  
ABOVE ARE SIMPLY OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BE  
HANDLED. INGERSOLL

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